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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Election of February 9, 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19,31,32,34-36,48 and 49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-19,31,32,34-36,48 and 49 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19,31,32,34-36,48 and 49 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 December 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Application is a **371/PCT/US04/ 20706** with a US priority at June 27, 2003. This Office Action is in response to **Election** filed on February 9, 2009, which is in response to Restriction requirement filed on January 7, 2009. **Applicant's Election of Group I (Claims 1-4) without traverse** is acknowledged. As discussed earlier, Applicants' **Pre-Amendment** and **two IDS** (2 page each) are filed so far. With such a pre-amendment, **Claims 2-3 and 6-7 are amended; Claims 20-30, 37-47 and 50-58 are cancelled, while no new claim is added.**

2. **Claims 1-19, 31-32, 34-36 and 48-49 with seven independent claims (Claims 1, 5, 9, 18, 31, 32 and 48) are now pending**, while all non-elected Claims 5-8 (Group II), Claims 9-17 (Group III) and Claims 18-19, 31-32, 34-36 and 48-49 (Group IV) are withdrawn from consideration. Examiner **accepts Applicants' two drawing sheets with Figures 1-2** (a brief description is on page **10**). An action follows. (See international search report in Applicants' priority paper **WO 2005/003083 A1 to Yang**)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

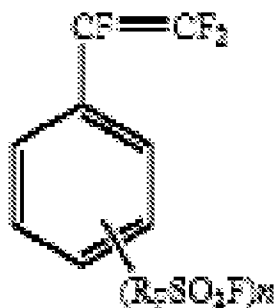
3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. The limitation of parent **Claim 1** in present invention relates to **a monomer** having the following structure:



wherein R_f is linear or branched perfluoroalkene group, optionally containing oxygen or chlorine; and n is 1 or 2. See other limitations of dependent **Claims 2-4**.

5. **Claims 1-4 are rejected** under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Lu et al.** (CN 1349962 A, also see English abstract submitted by Applicants) or **Lu et al.** (CN 1346707 A).

Regarding the “trifluorostyrene type monomer having the specific structure $CF_2=CF-C_6H_4-(R_F-SO_2-F)_n$ ” limitation of parent **Claim 1**, R_F can be a bivalent linear or branched perfluoroalkene group, optionally containing oxygen or chlorine; and n is 1 or 2. **Lu et al.** in both CN patents have prepared “some” claimed monomers with chemical structure reading on $CF_2=CF-C_6H_4-(R_F-SO_2-F)_n$ when the R_F is $-(CF_2-CF_2)_{1-3}-O-CF_2-CF_2-$, while n is 1.

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It is noted that Applicants have also submitted English abstract for **Lu et al.** (CN 1349962 A) (see XP-002303652 in IDS filed on August 7, 2006).

According to Lu et al. in year 2002 with 102(b) date, the monomers are synthesized by multiple steps including: (A) coupling iodobenzene with iodofluoroalkane derivatives in the presence of Cu, (B) nitrating with $\text{HNO}_3/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$, (C) reducing to amine derivative, (D) diazotizing with KI, and (E) coupling the compound with $\text{CF}_2=\text{CF}-\text{ZnBr}$ to obtain the desirable trifluorovinyl moiety.

6. To be specific, see **Lu “962” at abstract; page 1, line 1-6; see Lu “707” at abstract; page 1, line 1-16.** Particularly see the **third** co-monomer having the R_f^2 group as shown in terpolymer. It is noted that the monomer contains sulfonyl fluoride functionality, while resulted polymers can be converted to sulfonic acid functional group according to Lu and also the art. Therefore, Lu et al. in both CN patents anticipate current limitation of parent Claim 1.

7. Regarding the specific R_F and n factors as disclosed in **Claims 2-4**, the structures of both Lu's $\text{CF}_2=\text{CF}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-(\text{R}_F-\text{SO}_2-\text{F})_n$ with the R_F being $-(\text{CF}_2-\text{CF}_2)_{1-3}-\text{O}-\text{CF}_2-\text{CF}_2-$ and n being 1 clearly read on all the limitations of Claims 2, 3 and 4.

Conclusion

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8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants' disclosure. The following references relate to a monomer having the following structure

$\text{CF}_2=\text{CF}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-(\text{R}_\text{F}-\text{SO}_2-\text{F})_n$ with the R_F and n factors as specified in parent Claim 1:

US 6,080,501 to Kelly et al. discloses a method of using a solid polymer electrolyte containing a perfluorinated sulfonic acids derived from styrene, quaternary amine-containing polystyrene, and NAFION (column 3, line 38-44). It is useful in making fuel cell with integral fuel storage (title). Although styrene and quaternary amine-containing polystyrene are used as comonomers, Kelly's sulfonyl-containing monomer (NAFION) still contains no styrene bivalent group in between and is thereby structurally different from the claimed structure of $\text{CF}_2=\text{CF}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-(\text{R}_\text{F}-\text{SO}_2-\text{F})_n$. Therefore, Kelly fails to teach or fairly suggest the current monomer limitation of parent Claim 1.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to **Dr. Henry S. Hu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1103**. The examiner can be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM –5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Vasu Jagannathan, can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The **fax** number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **(571) 273-8300** for all regular communications.

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